

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

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22. (new): A method for the transport of blanks, namely printing carriers or coupons (11, 12), which can be supplied as an insert to a pack (10) in the region of a packaging machine, characterized by the following features:

a) double-coupons (15) can be produced in the region of a coupon subassembly (14) arranged at a rear side of the packaging machine and can be severed in the middle by a severing element for the purpose of producing two individual coupons (11, 12) lying adjacent to one another,

b) following the coupon subassembly (14), the adjacent coupons (11, 12) can be fed to a coupon conveyor (17) within the packaging machine, namely to a receiving belt (23, 24) associated with each of the two adjacent coupons (11, 12),

c) the receiving belts (23, 24) are driven at different conveying speeds such that the two associated coupons (11, 12) become spaced apart from one another in the conveying direction during transport,

d) the receiving belts (23, 24) are turned in the conveying direction by a corresponding arrangement of deflecting rollers (25, 26) such that the coupons (11, 12) are turned through 90° from their original position during transport,

e) following the receiving belts (23, 24) the coupons (11, 12) can be deflected with respect to the conveying direction of the receiving belts (23, 24) by means of a deflecting conveyor (32), in the region of which the coupons (11, 12) can be transported in an upright plane,

f) following the deflecting conveyor (32) the coupons (11, 12) can be pivoted back into their original plane by a turning conveyor (36),

g) finally, the coupons (11, 12) are transferred to a coupon magazine (22) or to a coupon feeder (20, 21) for the immediate transfer of the coupons (11, 12) individually to a respective pack (10).

23. (new): A method for the transport of blanks, such as printing carriers or coupons (11, 12), as an insert to a pack (10) in the region of a packaging machine for the production of the pack (10), characterized by the following features:

a) in a coupon subassembly (14) assigned to the packaging machine, two coupons (11, 12) lying adjacent to one another are successively produced in each case by the severing of a double coupon (15),

b) following the coupon subassembly (14), the coupons (11, 12) are conveyed lying adjacent to one another in pairs in two parallel transport paths,

c) during transport, the coupons (11, 12), due to appropriate guidance along their path of movement, are turned from a horizontal starting position to an upright position or a relative position transverse to the starting position,

d) the coupons (11, 12) transported along parallel paths of movement are then deflected by an approximately 90° angle with respect to the direction of transport,

e) in the region of a following conveying path the coupons (11, 12) are then turned back into a horizontal starting position,

f) afterwards the coupons (11, 12) are each fed in parallel fashion to a coupon feeder (20, 21) for the immediate transfer of each coupon (11, 12) to a pack (10) in the region of parallel conveying paths (19) of the packs (10).

24. (new): An apparatus for the transport of blanks, namely printing carriers or coupons (11, 12), which can be fed as an insert to a pack (10) in the region of a packaging machine, characterized by the following features:

a) arranged at a rear side of the packaging machine is a coupon subassembly (14) which produces double-coupons (15) in succession which can be severed in the middle by a severing element for the purpose of producing two individual coupons (11, 12) lying adjacent to one another,

b) following the coupon subassembly (14), the coupons (11, 12) can be fed in pairs to a coupon conveyor (17) for transporting the coupons (11, 12) in the region of the packaging machine,

c) the first transporters of the coupons conveyor (17) are receiving belts (23, 24) assigned to each of the two adjacent coupons (11, 12),

d) the receiving belts (23, 24) driven at different conveying speeds such that the two associated coupons (11, 12) become spaced apart from one another in the conveying direction during transport,

e) the receiving belts (23, 24) are turned in the conveying direction by the offset arrangement of deflecting rollers (25, 26) such that the coupons (11, 12) are turned through 90° from their original position during transport,

f) following the receiving belts (23, 24) the coupons (11, 12) can be merged by an intermediate conveyor (27) to a common conveying plane such that the coupons (11, 12) can be transported in succession in a common conveying plane,

g) following the intermediate conveyor (27) the coupons (11, 12) can be deflected by a deflecting conveyor (32) by (approximately) 90° with respect to the conveying direction,

h) following the deflecting conveyor (32) the coupons (11, 12) can be pivoted by a turning conveyor (36) back into the plane corresponding to their original position,

i) following the turning conveyor (36) the coupons (11, 12) can be fed to a coupon magazine (22) or transferred to a coupon feeder (20, 21) for the immediate transfer of the coupons (11, 12) to a pack (10).

25. (new): The apparatus according to Claim 24, characterized in that each receiving belt (23, 24) comprises two individual belts which interact with one another, with each belt

transporting coupons (11, 12) between mutually facing conveying strands and with deflecting rollers at a discharge end of the receiving belts (23, 24) being offset in terms of their rotating axes by 90° with respect to deflecting rollers (25) in the region of an admission end of the receiving belts (23, 24).

26. (new): The apparatus according to Claim 24, characterized in that the intermediate conveyor (27) comprises guide members converging in the conveying direction, namely lateral belts (29) and inner belts (30), each associated with a respective receiving belt (23 resp. 24), which form conveying planes for the coupons (11, 12) converging in the conveying direction such that, following the intermediate conveyor (27), the coupons (11, 12) can be transported in a common plane by a connection conveyor (28).

27. (new): The apparatus according to Claim 24, characterized in that the deflecting roller (32) for altering the conveying direction of the coupons (11, 12) by 90° comprises an inner conveyor (33) and an outer conveyor (34), which by being deflected around an inner deflecting roller form two conveying sections arranged at an angle of 90° to each other.

28. (new): The apparatus according to Claim 24, characterized by the following features:

a) the feeder(s) directly following the coupon conveyor (17) comprise(s) a feeder belt (52),

b) the feeder belt (52) is guided around deflecting rollers and angled a number of times to form a top receiving leg (58), a transversely directed intermediate leg (59) and a transfer leg (60) which is yet again directed transversely,

c) the transfer leg (60) of the feeder belt (52) is directed at an acute angle in the conveying direction of the packs (10) above a conveying path (19) for the packs (10).

29. (new): The apparatus according to Claim 28, characterized in that the coupons (11, 12) abut a feeder belt (52) and are held in abutment thereto by a fixed guide (61) which follows the contour of the feeder (21), it being possible to transport the coupons (11, 12) by carry-along elements (53) in a precise position relative to the packs (10) to be fed.

30. (new): The apparatus according to Claim 24, characterized in that pressure-exerting elements for stabilizing foldings in the coupons (11, 12) are arranged in the transport path of the coupons (11, 12), namely pressure discs (67, 68) at either side of belt conveyors, for example in the region of deflection wheels (69, 70) of a transfer conveyor (54) of the coupons (11, 12) to a feeder (21).

31. (new): An apparatus for the transport of blanks, namely printing carriers or coupons (11, 12), which can be fed as an insert to a pack (10) in the region of a packaging machine, characterized by the following features:

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a) arranged at a rear side of the packaging machine is a coupon subassembly (14) which produces double-coupons (15) in succession which can be severed in the middle by a severing element for the purpose of producing two individual coupons (11, 12) lying adjacent to one another,

b) following the coupon subassembly (14), the coupons (11, 12) can be fed in pairs to a coupon conveyor (17) for transporting the coupons (11, 12) in the region of the packaging machine,

c) the first transporters of the coupons conveyor (17) are receiving belts (23, 24) assigned to each of the two adjacent coupons (11, 12),

d) the receiving belts (23, 24) are turned in the conveying direction by the offset arrangement of deflecting rollers (25, 26) such that the coupons (11, 12) are turned through 90° from their original position during transport,

e) in the region of deflecting conveyors (32) following the receiving belts (23, 24) the coupons (11, 12) can be deflected by (approximately) 90° with respect to the conveying direction,

f) following the deflecting conveyor (32) the coupons (11, 12) can be pivoted by a turning conveyor (36) back into the plane corresponding to their original position,

g) following the turning conveyor (36) each of the coupons (11, 12) can be fed to a coupon feeder (20, 21) for the immediate transfer of the coupons (11, 12) to one pack (10) each.

32. (new): The apparatus according to Claim 31, characterized in that each receiving belt (23, 24) comprises two individual belts which interact with one another, with each belt transporting coupons (11, 12) between mutually facing conveying strands and with deflecting rollers at a discharge end of the receiving belts (23, 24) being offset in terms of their rotating axes by 90° with respect to deflecting rollers (25) in the region of an admission end of the receiving belts (23, 24).

33. (new): The apparatus according to Claim 31, characterized in that the intermediate conveyor (27) comprises guide members converging in the conveying direction, namely lateral belts (29) and inner belts (30), each associated with a respective receiving belt (23 resp. 24), which form conveying planes for the coupons (11, 12) converging in the conveying direction such that, following the intermediate conveyor (27), the coupons (11, 12) can be transported in a common plane by a connection conveyor (28).

34. (new): The apparatus according to Claim 31, characterized in that the deflecting roller (32) for altering the conveying direction of the coupons (11, 12) by 90° comprises an inner conveyor (33) and an outer conveyor (34), which by being deflected around an inner deflecting roller form two conveying sections arranged at an angle of 90° to each other.



35. (new): The apparatus according to Claim 31, characterized by the following features:

a) the coupon magazine (22) arranged at the end of the coupon conveyor (17) has two laterally offset shafts (42, 43) spaced at a distance from one another for each coupon stack (44),

b) arranged between the two shafts (42, 43) is a coupon distributor (45) directly following the coupon conveyor (17),

c) the coupon distributor (45) transports the coupons (11, 12) in one shaft or the other (42, 43) depending on the degree to which said shafts (42, 43) are filled.

36. (new): The apparatus according to Claim 35, characterized in that the coupon distributor (45) comprises two conveying rollers (46, 47) which are arranged one above the other and supply the coupons (11, 12) to one shaft (42, 43) or the other by the corresponding rotary movement of the conveying rollers (46, 47), the coupons (11, 12) being fixed by suction air to the circumference of the conveying rollers (46, 47) via bore holes (49).

37. (new): The apparatus according to Claim 31, characterized by the following features:

a) the feeder(s) directly following the coupon conveyor (17) comprise(s) a feeder belt (52),

b) the feeder belt (52) is guided around deflecting rollers and angled a number of times to form a top receiving leg (58), a transversely directed intermediate leg (59) and a transfer leg (60) which is yet again directed transversely,

c) the transfer leg (60) of the feeder belt (52) is directed at an acute angle in the conveying direction of the packs (10) above a conveying path (19) for the packs (10).

38. (new): The apparatus according to Claim 37, characterized in that the coupons (11, 12) abut a feeder belt (52) and are held in abutment thereto by a fixed guide (61) which follows the contour of the feeder (21), it being possible to transport the coupons (11, 12) by carry-along elements (53) in a precise position relative to the packs (10) to be fed.

39. (new): The apparatus according to Claim 31, characterized in that pressure-exerting elements for stabilizing foldings in the coupons (11, 12) are arranged in the transport path of the coupons (11, 12), namely pressure discs (67, 68) at either side of belt conveyors, for example in the region of deflection wheels (69, 70) of a transfer conveyor (54) of the coupons (11, 12) to a feeder (21).